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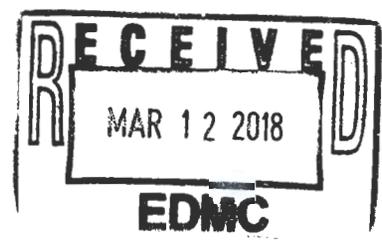


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March 13, 2001

Mr. Clifford E. Clark, Acting Program Manager
Office of Regulatory Liaison
United States Department of Energy
Richland Operations Office
P.O. Box 550, MSIN: A5-15
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Dear Mr. Clark:

Re: Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement)
Interim Milestone M-89-02, Complete Removal of 324 Building Radiochemical
Engineering Cells (REC) B-Cell Mixed Waste (WM) and Equipment, November 30,
2000

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has received your letter, dated February 23, 2001, which addresses the need to retain several pieces of equipment that have been developed, used, and found to be suitable for future deactivation activities. These items are as follows:

- Rectangular Overpack Disposal Container (RODC) Lifting Fixture (Spreader Bar);
- Band Saw;
- Chop Saw;
- Bigelow Scraper;
- Wagon Wheel; and
- Crane Deployed Vacuum System.

Although these items were not specifically identified in the previous listing of remaining equipment, your statement of justification for keeping them provided sufficient information for Ecology to concur with your need to maintain those pieces of equipment for future deactivation work.

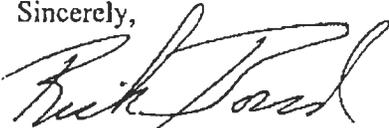
This concurrence is contingent upon receipt of an Ecology approved plan and schedule for removal of the remaining equipment (excluding cranes and manipulators) within ninety (90) days of receipt of this letter.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (509) 736-3007, or Deborah Singleton at (509) 736-5722.

Sincerely,



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